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(U) San Diego – Hundreds of Sick Marine Recruits May Have Been Exposed to E. Coli

(U) More than 300 recruits at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot have experienced symptoms associated with exposure to E. coli bacteria within the last five days, military officials said yesterday. The symptoms, including diarrhea and vomiting, were first seen in individual cases over this past weekend, but when recruits in groups of 30 or more became sick starting this past Monday, officials at the depot began looking for a cause. Officials believe exposure originated either at the recruit depot or at Edson Range on Camp Pendleton.

SOURCE: 1 November 2017, Orange County Register

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York - NYC Terror Suspect Planned Bigger Attack Involving Brooklyn Bridge

(U) New York City — New details about the truck rampage suspect's apparent plan to carry out a deadly Halloween attack in New York City emerged late yesterday. Prosecutors said 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov was inspired by ISIS videos he had watched on his cellphone and started planning the attack about a year ago while in the US. He was also planning a larger attack that involved driving onto the Brooklyn Bridge, but was stopped when the truck crashed after the bike-path attack. The plan was carried out on Halloween because Saipov believed there would be more people on the street, and he executed instructions ISIS posted online for a truck attack "to a T," according to investigators.

SOURCE: 1 November 2017, ABC 7 Los Angeles

(U) New York - Ex-New Yorker Accused of Trying to Recruit for ISIS

(U) New York City — A permanent US resident who was arrested in Bosnia stands accused of being a major recruiter and propagandist for ISIS. Brooklyn federal prosecutors said yesterday that ex-New Yorker Mirsad Kandic is now in the United States to faces six charges. Two of the counts carry potential life prison sentences upon conviction. Prosecutors said Kandic was living in the Bronx and Brooklyn before he used fake documents to overcome a no-fly designation and go to Turkey before joining ISIS. They say he wanted to go abroad to engage in "jihad" against US military forces to obtain martyrdom, and also accuse Kandic of disseminating terrorism propaganda to solicit people in the US and promote terrorist attacks.

SOURCE: 1 November 2017, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Eight Killed on Bus Set on Fire by Nearby Bombing

(U) Kabul - An Afghan official says at least eight people were killed when a bus caught fire after a sticky bomb blew up a nearby fuel tanker. Officials said 27 people were wounded in yesterday's attack in the provincial capital, Chara Kar. Earlier yesterday, a suicide car bomb targeted a district police commander in the northern Balkh province, killing one person. The deputy provincial police chief said the target of the attack and nine other people were wounded. No group has claimed credit for either attack.

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(U) Brazil - American Family Missing in Amazon River Pirate Attack Are Found Safe

(U) Sao Paulo – A Californian couple and their two daughters who had been missing since 29 October when pirates attacked their boat in the Amazon river delta area have been found alive. Except for insect bites and scratches, Adam and Emily Harteau and their daughters, aged three and seven, were in good condition. The Harteaus were headed to Breves when gunmen boarded the boat they were on and forced it to go to the city of Porto dos Dias. The crew and passengers were held hostage for several hours and stripped of their belongings before the pirates fled.

SOURCE: 1 November 2017, Associated Press

(U) Indonesia – Police Kill Two Suspected Militants and Arrest Nine Others

(U) Jakarta – Police in eastern Indonesia say they have killed two suspected militants and arrested nine others believed to have been involved in the shooting of two law enforcement officers. A police spokesman said today the counterterrorism squad fatally shot Muhammad Amir and another man identified only as Yaman. Nine others were also arrested in the raid. The two men are suspected of involvement in the shooting of two policemen on 11 September. Recent militant attacks in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, have shifted from targeting Westerners to mostly security forces.

SOURCE: 2 November 2017, Associated Press

(U) Japan - Researchers Hack iPhone 7 with iOS 11 Installed

(U) Tokyo – Researchers have managed to break into Apple's latest iOS operating system running on the iPhone 7 and run arbitrary code on the device. In the Trend Micro-sponsored Zero Day Initiative MobilePwn20wn competition, participants from the security team of Chinese web services provider Tencent could exploit four bugs to install a rogue application by simply connecting to a wi-fi network. The Tencent team could make the application appear on an iPhone 7 running the latest iOS 11.1 operating system and make it survive a reboot of the device. The Pwn20Wn competitors also successfully hacked a Samsung Galaxy S8 via the built-in web browser, running their code at elevated privilege levels.

SOURCE: 2 November 2017, itnews

(U) United Kingdom - Police Seek Arrest of Manchester Bomber's Brother

(U) London – British police issued an arrest warrant for the brother of a suicide bomber who killed 22 people and injured more than 500 in an attack on a pop concert in Manchester in May 2017, authorities said yesterday. Prosecutors had asked Libya to extradite Hashem Abedi, the younger brother of Salman Abedi, the 22-year-old Briton born to Libyan parents who blew himself up at the end of a show by US singer Ariana Grande in the deadliest militant attack in Britain for 12 years. Police applied for and been granted an arrest warrant for Hashem for murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to cause an explosion, according to a counterterrorism chief constable.

SOURCE: 1 November 2017, Reuters

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